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Here are some high level talkers for the response work.

EPA currently has more than 250 employees and contractors supporting response activities.

EPA is committed to working closely with response agencies and state and local officials to ensure the safety of citizens, respond to concerns and to evaluate impact to water contaminated by the spill.

There are over 20 different state and local agencies involved in the response working to help ensure the health and safety of the public.

The Gold King Mine is releasing water at the rate of approximately 544 gallons per minute.

Water is captured and treated at a system of impoundments before being discharged to Cement Creek.

All drinking water systems with intakes on the river – were able to close intakes before the spill reached their intakes. All systems have reopened.

Water quality and sediment data is available at www.epa.gov/goldkingmine

EPA is collecting water and sediment samples from throughout the water system from Colorado to Lake Powell near the inlet of the San Juan River.

EPA and the states/Tribes are developing a long-term plan for water quality monitoring and assessment.

Currently - only Navajo Nation has not lifted its closure of the river for use.

EPA established a community hotline is 844.607.9700 to share information.

A Joint Information Center has been established at Unified Command at press@epa.gov or 970.812.3351